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INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 5457

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: KHMER ISSUE

1. I TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR SANI DECEMBER 6 TO EXPRESS MY ADMIRATION OF THE WAY THE ASIAN GROUP HAD ORGANIZED AND COORDINATED THE CAMPAIGN ON THE KHMER ISSUE AND FOR THE EXCELLENCE OF HIS OWN STATEMENT IN THE DEBATE. WE EXPRESSED MUTUAL PLEASURE OVER THE OUTCOME OF THE VOTE AND SANI COMMENTED THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE OPERATION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE US AND JAPAN. HE TOOK PAINS TO COMMENT APPRECIATIVELY ON "THE DISCREET WAY" IN WHICH AMERICAN SUPPORT HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO THE ASIAN GROUP.

2. THEN SANI WENT ON TO DELIVER HIMSELF OF A FEW VIEWS ON THE KHMER SITUATION. HE SAID WITH SOME EMPHASIS THAT WE COULD NOT EXPECT TO DO THIS AGAIN NEXT YEAR, THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO FIND THE VOTES NEXT TIME. HE WAS RECOMMENDING TO JAKARTA THAT GOI MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE KHMER GOVERNMENT THAT THE SITUATION WAS SERIOUS AND IT MUST TAKE STEPS TO STRAIGHTEN OUT ITS POLITICAL SITUATION AND PUT ITS HOUSE IN ORDER. HE HOPED THE USG WOULD TAKE

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SIMILAR POSITION WITH KHMER GOVT. IT WAS IMPORTANT,

SAID SANI, THAT KHMER REGIME REALIZE THAT THEY HAD ONLY SO MUCH TIME AND MUST WORK OUT SOME SOLUTION AMONG THEMSELVES. SANI KEPT HIS REMARKS TO THE GENERAL QUESTION AND DID NOT REFER SPECIFICALLY TO ANY PERSONALITIES OR ELEMENTS OF THE KHMER POLITICAL COMMUNITY.

3. COMMENT: SANI IS A MILD-MANNERED MAN, OF QUIET CONVICTION, WHO, AS EXPERIENCE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND ELSEWHERE HAS SHOWN, DOES NOT REALLY LIKE THE ROUGH AND TUMBLE OF PARLIAMENTARY CONFRONTATION; BUT HE DID PLACE HIS PRESTIGE EFFECTIVELY BEHIND THE GKR, INCLUDING BY SPEAKING AT TIME OF INSCRIPTION AND IN PLENARY CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTANCE. IT IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT HE BELIEVES THAT ANOTHER BATTLE ON THE KHMER QUESTION WOULD BE UNWISE.
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